



**CLASS OF 2019
GRADUATION INFORMATION**

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2019 Senior Class Officers

Josh Lee – President
James Zheng– Vice President
Sage Walton – Treasurer
Priya Williams – Secretary

Fossil Ridge Alma Mater

*Through mountain pass black, silver, green
Walk proud and tall
Cross ridge and stream
We stand above
For glory in triumph
The SaberCats will never fall
To hear the proud winds carry the roar
That always drowns out other calls
Hail Fossil Ridge
Memories and love behind us
SaberCat pride we pledge to thee*

2019 Class Quote

“And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do.”

Michael Scott

2019 Class Song

Good Old Days

By Macklemore/Featuring Kesha



Excellence, Everywhere

Congratulations to the Fossil Ridge High School Graduating Class of 2019

The end of the first chapter in your education is finally here and the beginning of an exciting chapter two awaits you. Many of you will walk into classrooms in the fall on college campuses across the nation; others will walk into the classroom of life. Our sincere hope is that you have had the very best start possible on your new journey. It has been a pleasure working with each of you during your time at Fossil Ridge High School. It is our wish for you that your education will serve as a strong foundation for your future success. We hope that you look back upon your time here at Fossil with laughter, joy and fond memories.

This packet is filled with information for you and your family in preparation for your upcoming graduation ceremony. The FRHS community is proud of the ceremony that will celebrate your completion of your K-12 learning experience. The ceremony is rich in traditions. The expectations outlined in this packet will help ensure that each graduate receives the honor, respect and attention they deserve during this momentous occasion.

Please take the time to read through this packet carefully so that your graduation day is as special as possible. There is an outline of the events and procedures that you will need to follow closely in order to make sure that all details are addressed with care.

Excellence Everywhere...be proud, once a SaberCat, always a SaberCat!

Best wishes and best of luck,

Fossil Administration and Staff

Important Senior Dates

Monday April 15th	Senior Student/Parent meeting – Cap & Gown Distribution 6:30pm in the Large Gym Important graduation information will be discussed
Tuesday April 23rd Wednesday, April 24th Thursday, April 25th	Graduation Auditions April 23 rd - 12:30-1:15pm in the PAC April 24 th & 25 th - 3:00-4:00pm in the PAC
Friday, May 17th	Checkout Sheets Distributed in Advisory Seniors who do not have an Advisory will need to pick up their checkout sheet in the College and Career Center.
Monday, May 20th	Scholarship Gala – 7:00-8:30pm in the PAC
Tuesday, May 21st	Senior finals completed
Wednesday, May 22nd	Seniors Last Day! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People’s Choice Awards Assembly 8:50am Gym • Final Walk Out – following assembly • Checkout in the Commons – 11:00-12:30pm • Senior Make-Up Exams (<i>prearranged with teacher</i>) • Senior Event – 1:00-3:00pm Fossil Creek Park
Thursday, May 23rd	Capping Ceremony 6:00-7:00 pm in the FRHS Performing Arts Center. This is a voluntary event for graduates.
Friday, May 24th	Graduation Practice 2:15-3:45 pm at CSU Moby Arena Mandatory for all graduates wishing to participate in the graduation ceremony. No parking in the first two rows at Moby section A.
Friday, May 24th	Commencement Ceremony 6:30 pm at CSU Moby Arena Graduates are to arrive at Moby by 5:45pm.

Important Information

- **Seniors who do not check out may NOT participate in the graduation ceremony.** Seniors are to turn in paperwork for checkout on, or before Wednesday, May 22nd by 12:30 pm in the commons.
- There is **NO SAFE PLACE** at Moby Arena to leave your belongings during graduation practice and the graduation ceremony. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you leave valuables, including keys and cell phones, with your family members, friends or at home. Cell phone use will not be permitted during the ceremony. **Please turn off all phones** and stow them with your personal belongings. We **will not tolerate** any students on the floor using cell phones.
- **This year CSU is requiring metal detectors (magnetometers) at all of the entrances for rehearsal and the ceremony. The process will be very similar to airport screening. Attendees will be asked to remove cell phones, keys, cameras and any other large metal objects from their pockets before walking through the metal detectors. If the device alarms, the guest will be re-screened with a hand-held wand, with further security follow-up if needed. Please refer to CSU's clear bag policy on page 15 of this packet. Strollers will not be allowed in Moby Arena. Concealed weapons permits are not allowed. An off-duty officer with identification can come in. Their location will be tracked.**
- Practice and the ceremony will begin on time. If you are not on time or are absent from practice, you will **NOT** participate.
- Appropriate attire is required for you to participate in the commencement ceremony. For the graduation ceremony, you will need to bring your cap, gown, tassel, medals, honor cords, stoles and nothing else. Additional adornments on the caps and gowns are not allowed (i.e. flowers, jewelry, tape). If you are inappropriately dressed for the graduation ceremony, you will not participate.
- Handicap Parking: Located on the west side of Moby in front of the ticket office.
- Seating at Moby Arena is on a first come/first serve basis. Saving seats for friends and family members **will not be allowed**. Ushers will enforce this policy. Handicap seating is available. Unfortunately, *only one family member is permitted to sit with the handicapped person*. Hearing impaired seating is also available and located in Section N. **Guests will be able to enter Moby Arena one hour prior to graduation.**
- If Moby is evacuated for any reason, please have your family meet you on the south intramural field or grass area by the Durrell Center.
- Any air horns, beach balls, noise makers, cow bells, whistles, etc. will be confiscated and not returned. They are not appropriate for this ceremony.
- Tickets are not required for attending/seating at graduation.

FRHS FINALS POLICY

- Students arriving after 10 minutes to a final will be marked absent as per FRHS attendance policy, and may not be admitted to the final, but may attend the final make-up on Wednesday, May 23rd and take their final for full credit. This is to ensure that the students in the final test session are not disturbed by late arrivals.
- Bring a book or something to work on in case you have time at the end of a final period as you will not be permitted to leave early.
- If you miss a final, you must attend a final make-up period on Wednesday, May 22nd to receive credit, or you may earn a final score of 0 on that final. Please arrange this make-up time with your teacher.
- If you have an OFFICIAL pre-arranged absence through the office, you must arrange to do all finals that you will be absent for BEFORE your absence or you may earn a 0 on any final you miss.
- **MAKE SURE THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRADES!!!**

SENIOR CHECKOUT PROCESS

- **The final day for seniors to check out is Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the commons.**
- **If a senior does not officially check out, that student will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony at Moby Gym on Friday, May 24th.**
- **PROCESS FOR CHECK-OUT: Distribution of checkout sheets** - Students will receive a checkout sheet in Advisory class on Friday, May 17th.
- **Book Return** – Textbooks and Language Arts paperback books can be turned in to the media center. Do not turn any books into your teachers (this will delay your checkout process). Once all books are returned, a staff member will sign off on your checkout sheet.
- **Laptops and Power Cords** - Turn in to the Media Center.
- **Media Center** - If you do not have a Media Center stamp on your checkout sheet, this means you owe the Media Center books and/or fines. Please go to the Media Center to pay your fines for missing library books.
- **Return checkout sheet** – Turn in your completed checkout sheet. Checkout sheets are **only** accepted in two ways: *By Mrs. Nye in the College & Career Center. This can be done before May 22nd if your checkout sheet is completed. *By Mr. Nye at the table in the commons on Wednesday, May 22nd from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS

A final transcript will be sent to the college/university you indicate in your Senior Exit Survey. You must have a completed Transcript Request form on file in the College and Career Center.

A final transcript will be sent to the NCAA for Seniors who are registered with NCAA Eligibility Center and have a Transcript Request form on file in the College and Career Center with "NCAA" designated as a recipient.

After June 1st, all transcript requests must be made through the PSD website www.psdschools.org. The FRHS College and Center will not process transcripts for graduates.

GRADUATION APPAREL

Caps

- All caps are green.
- The caps are delivered in a plastic bag along with the gown and tassel.
- Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortar board is level, with the long point of the crown to the back. The front point should be well down on the forehead. Do not tilt the cap backward or forward. Some students may need bobby pins to hold the cap in place.
- Do not apply tape or any other material to caps or gowns.
- Do not remove the caps during the graduation ceremony.

Gowns

- All graduate gowns are green.
- Gowns will be delivered, folded up in a plastic bag along with the cap and tassel. There will be noticeable wrinkles and creases in the gowns. Hanging the gown in a steaming room (the bathroom when the shower is running) often removes small wrinkles. You can also steam the gowns, but we don't suggest using an iron on them.
- Gowns will be distributed on **Monday, April 15th in the FRHS Large Gym at the conclusion of our Senior Parent Meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m.**

The Tassel

- The tassels are black, green and silver.
- The tassel is to be worn over the right temple.
- Tassels should never be pinned or sewn; they should be permitted to hang naturally.
- Each senior changes the tassel to the left side after the Class Guardian reads the charge to the class near the end of the graduation ceremony. You will be instructed to move your tassel from the right to the left. Wait for the announcement so that everyone is moving their tassel at the same time.

Honor Cords and Stoles

- All cords and stoles will be handed out with the graduation gowns and they are for the students to wear at the graduation ceremony.
- Only cords and stoles that are awarded by FRHS and/or PSD will be allowed to be worn during the graduation ceremony.

**AP cords are handed out after your last AP exam by the AP Coordinator.*

What to Wear Under the Gown

- Appropriate attire for graduates should be semi-formal. Do **NOT** wear tennis shoes, hiking boots, casual sandals, jeans, shorts, knit sports shirts or t-shirts.
- Please dress appropriately for warm temperatures while maintaining a semi-formal dress. The hallway that graduates will be lined up in is not cooled.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM EVENTS

Under extreme circumstances, a student may be excused from graduation practice. The only person who can excuse you is our Fossil Ridge High School principal, Dr. Chaplain. Absences must be arranged in advance. If you do not show up for graduation practice, it is assumed that you do not plan to participate at all. If this is this case, please be courteous and let Dr. Chaplain know ahead of time so that we can adjust our seating chart. If you come to graduation, but failed to attend practice, **you will not be allowed to participate**. Excuses after the fact will not be accepted. Please see page 13 of this packet.

If you are unable to attend practice or choose to not participate in graduation, please sign and return the form on page 13 and return to the front office by Friday, May 10, 2019.

MARCHING ORDER

The graduation marching order and seat assignments will be posted at Fossil Ridge High School in the commons before graduation practice. We will make announcements to inform you of when this diagram and/or list will be posted. There will be twenty-three rows of students, one row for each advisory class, and two rows of staff members located on the sides.

Be sure to note your row number, right or left side of the aisle as you face the stage and who will march in front of you as well as behind you. Each advisory class will march in alphabetical order with a few exceptions. Students who do not have an advisory class should check the posted seating chart for their seat assignment. Please check in with your advisor when you arrive to the practices and the ceremony as attendance is mandatory.

The marching order will be the following:

1. Administration/ Board of Education
2. 2019 Class Guardian
3. Class of 2019 Class Officers
4. Junior Escorts
5. Advisory classes followed by the senior advisor and a staff row sponsor.
6. The rest of the staff members

Note: Your name will be read during the ceremony exactly as it appears in our system which includes, first, middle and last name. If you want a different name announced, you must tell the reader at practice.

TRADITION & PARTICIPATION

For most high school students, commencement exercises are the culminating experience of a long, sometimes difficult, but generally happy phase of their lives. Most students want and deserve a meaningful and dignified ceremony to commemorate this event.

While nearly all seniors are aware of the seriousness of graduation exercises, each of you should be equally aware that **the graduation ceremony is optional**. No one is obligated to participate. However, participation does imply acceptance of the standards set for behavior, appearance, and general decorum related to the activity. These standards then become an additional requirement for participation in the graduation ceremony. Any deviation from these standards will cause you to be denied participation in the graduation activities.

For parents, guardians and guests:

We look forward to sharing in this long-awaited day with you and your student. The faculty and staff have prepared a dignified and very meaningful ceremony in honor of this occasion and therefore ask you not to bring airhorns, noisemakers, beach balls, bells, whistles, etc. At other high school graduations, excessive noise and celebrating for one student has made it impossible for guests to hear the names of other students as they receive their diplomas. We ask your understanding of the solemnity of the occasion and the rights of all students to a dignified recognition.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO

As a special service for seniors and parents, a professional photograph will be taken of each senior as he/she receives the diploma. The goal of the photographer is to have proofs to graduates within a few days after the ceremony from which you can order quality photo enlargements. FRHS is not responsible for any photos that do not turn out.

Grad Images is Fossil Ridge High School's official photographer for the 2019 graduation ceremony.

Gradimages	ph: (800) 261-2576
P.O. Box 182829	fax: (850) 574-0774
Tallahassee, FL 32318	service@gradimages.com

To make the most of your photo, as you receive your diploma:

- Pause and smile.
- Keep your tassel to the side.

This year, DVD's of the graduation ceremony will be produced by the district media department. Fossil Ridge's DECA will be handling the sales of the DVD's. Please see the attached flyer (pg. 14) at the back of the packet for more information.

No member of the audience will be permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony.



FRHS Scholarship Gala

Academic and Athletic Scholarship recipients
and
their families are invited...

Monday, May 20th

7:00 – 8:30 pm

FRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)

Dessert Reception Following in the Commons

We would like to recognize seniors who have received a merit or athletic scholarship. Please bring your family to celebrate your accomplishment.

Students who plan on attending are **REQUIRED** to complete the Scholarship Gala RSVP ***by Friday, May 10th***.

www.tinyurl.com/ScholarshipGalaRSVP2019

If you have questions, please contact:

Todd Pfeifer, Event Coordinator - tpfeifer@psdschools.org



2019 Capping Ceremony

Our annual Capping Ceremony is an event that gives graduates an opportunity to honor a person in their life who has helped them advance to this point. This person may include a parent, relative, friend, teacher, or community member.

During the ceremony, each student will have 30-45 seconds to introduce their capper and explain why the special guest was selected. At the end of the ceremony, all graduates will, ceremoniously, be capped by their selected person.

Capping will take place on Thursday, May 23rd in the PAC from 6:00-7:00pm. Each senior is responsible for notifying their "capper" and giving them the information for the event. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the main office by Wednesday, May 22nd. Please RSVP with this form to attend the capping ceremony.

2019 Capping Ceremony RSVP Form

Return this form to the main office by Friday, May 17th.

Name of Senior _____

Name of "Capper" _____

Relation _____



Graduation Participation Opt-Out

If you will not be participating in graduation practice and/or the graduation ceremony, please sign and return this form to the front office by Friday, May 10, 2019.

Check ALL the items that will pertain to your participation for graduation.

- I will NOT attend the graduation CEREMONY. I understand that I must pick up my diploma from Fossil Ridge *after the scheduled graduation ceremony*.
- I will NOT attend graduation PRACTICE, but plan on attending the graduation ceremony. I understand that I must get the principal's approval and signature before graduation practice.

Student's Name (Print) _____ ID # _____

Date _____ Student's Signature _____

•Principal's signature to attend graduation without participating in practice.

Julie Chaplain, PhD



Graduation DVD Form

The DECA Program at Fossil Ridge High School is pleased to offer the 2019 graduation video in **DVD format** at \$25.00 for each DVD. The video will be of Fossil Ridge's entire graduation ceremony- **professionally** recorded audio and video. All proceeds will benefit the FRHS DECA Program. Allow two to four weeks from Graduation Day for delivery to the address on this form

Complete this online form: www.tinyurl.com/frhsgraddvd

Current FRHS parents/seniors need to click the **I'm a registered SchoolPay user** option when purchasing the Grad DVD. All others may click the **Thanks, just want to pay option**. Regardless of the option you choose, please make sure that all information is provided with your order to ensure proper delivery of your order.

Questions: contact Andy Stevens at (970)488-6313 or astevens@psdschools.org



COLORADO STATE ATHLETICS CLEAR BAG POLICY



APPROVED BAGS

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12"W x 6"D x 12"H.
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar).
- Small clutch bag approximately the size of a hand (4.5" x 6.5" or smaller), with or without a handle or strap. This can be carried separately or within a plastic bag.
- Seat cushions (soft and flexible, without frames or pockets).

All other bags are prohibited when entering the venue.

APPROVED BAG EXAMPLES

CLEAR TOTE

Clear Plastic Vinyl or PVC
Does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"



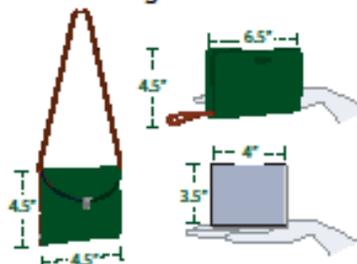
PLASTIC STORAGE BAG

1 Gallon
Re-Usable, Clear



SMALL CLUTCH BAG

Approximately the size of a
hand, with or without a strap.
No larger than 4.5" x 6.5"



PROHIBITED BAG EXAMPLES



Backpack



Binoculars Case



Camera Case



Fanny Pack



Large Printed Bags



Mesh Bag



Purse



Tinted Plastic Bags

Prohibited Items: aerosol cans; aluminum bottles; animals (service dogs and service dogs in training permitted); artificial noisemakers; balloons; bats, poles and sticks; coolers/ice chests; camera lenses larger than 4"; firearms and fireworks; flags on poles; glass bottles; illegal drugs; laser pointers; marijuana (all forms); metal cans; objects that can be used as projectiles (i.e. balls); outside food and beverages including alcohol (exceptions will be made for those with medical requirements and/or special needs); scooters, strollers, bicycles, roller skates and skateboards; tobacco products; tripods, monopods and selfie sticks; umbrellas; unauthorized video cameras; water bottles (disposable and crushable bottles, empty and without a cap are permissible); weapons; any object that might pose a risk to the guest or others. **No Re-Entry Policy In Effect.**

For more information, please visit www.CSURAMS.com